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SUBJECT : PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S VIEWS ON FRANCO-GUINEAN
RELATIONS

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1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE EVENING JULY 25,
I MENTIONED HAVING NOTED THE VISIT OF FORMER FRENCH MINISTER
BETTENCOURT AND WONDERED WHAT IMPLICATIONS THIS MIGHT HAVE
FOR FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS.

2. SEKOU TOURE REPLIED THAT BETTENCOURT IS AN OLD AND SINCERE
FRIEND WITH WHOM HE HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT OVER THE YEARS
DESPITE THEIR DIFFERING VIEWS ON MANY PROBLEMS. BEFORE
BETTENCOURT CAME, HE DISCUSSED HIS VISIT WITH FRENCH GOVERN-
MENT AND DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH TOURE DID EXPRESS FRENCH
INTEREST IN IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH GUINEA. BETTENCOURT ASKED
FOR RELEASE OF FRENCH PRISONERS AS GESTURE TO GET RELATIONS
OFF TO NEW START. TOURE REFUSED SAYING THAT RELATIONS WITH
FRANCE HAD BEEN BROKEN LONG BEFORE FRANCE HAD GRAVELY WRONGED
GUINEA BY PARTICIPATION IN OPEN AGGRESSION WHICH LED TO
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PRISONERS' ARREST. IMPOSSIBLE FOR PRISONERS UNCONDITIONAL

RELEASE TO BE REQUIRED AS INITIAL GESTURE. THAT HAD TO BE
MATTER FOR DISCUSSION IN CONTEXT OVERALL RELATIONS.

3. I REFERRED TO RECENT GUINEAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE REGARDING
GUINEA-WEST GERMAN RELATIONS AND INQUIRED WHETHER THAT MIGHT
CONVEY ANY LESSONS FOR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN FRANCO-
GUINEAN RELATIONS. SEKOU TOURE SAID GERMANS HAD APOLOGIZED
FOR INVOLVEMENT IN AGGRESSION AND AS GESTURE IN RECOGNITION
OF THAT FACT, GUINEAN POLITICAL PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD
DECIDED THAT GERMAN PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED IN NEXT FEW
DAYS. IF FRENCH WERE PREPARED TO MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENT THEN,
OF COURSE, GUINEA WOULD RE-EXAMINE QUESTION TO SEE WHAT
RECIPROCAL ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN.

4. TOURE CONCLUDED THAT GUINEA WANTS TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS
WITH FRANCE AS WITH EVERY COUNTRY AND IS READY TO HOLD DIS-
CUSSIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE AT ANY TIME. HOWEVER, RELATIONS
WITH FRANCE CAN BE ONLY ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL
RESPECT. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF FRENCH EXCLUSIVITY,
PREDOMINANCE, OR ANYTHING THAT WOULD SUGGEST THE NEO-COLONIST
RELATIONSHIP THAT FRANCE HAS WITH SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
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